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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/014200, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-152655, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S.

Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0241541 to WATANABE et al., which was published on December 2, 2004;

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-022790, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0142195 to EHARA, which was published on October 3, 2002; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-050329, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0018932 to CHIKADA, which was published on February 14, 2002.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (4) Japanese Patent Publication No. 3244400 (which corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. HEI 8-329913), together with an English language Abstract of JP 8-329913. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-243362, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,432,575 to YAMAGAMI, which issued on August 13, 2002.

Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;

- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-298809, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-095329, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,440,601 to AOI et al., which issued on August 27, 2002;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,884,540 to CHIKADA, which issued on April 26, 2005;
and
- (10) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0079408 to HIRANO, which was published on April 14, 2005.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate

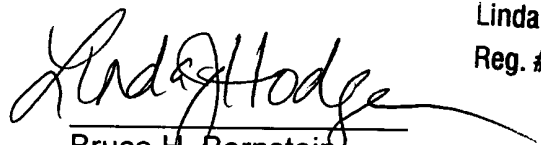
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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1	English language Abstract of JP 2004-152655.
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3	English language Abstract of JP 2002-050329.
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